

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 19 as follows:

Since the details of this simulation model and the simulation using this model is described in ~~an application~~ (US patent application 09/802,974, filed on March 12, 2001) ~~proposed by the assignee~~ in which the entire disclosure of US patent application 09/802,974 is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and therefore no further explanation will be made here.